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For: METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING )  
A GEAR WHEEL, AND A GEAR )  
WHEEL )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

*Please delete the existing Abstract and substitute the Abstract attached hereto as a separate sheet.*

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.*

*Please replace claims 2-5 with the corresponding amended claims.*